



NEWSLETTER

FROM THE PRESIDENT

As I write this, the Showgrounds is home to 28 horses displaced by the Loma Fire, and I have a whole new list of heroes.

I am so very, very grateful for our equestrian community. Santa Cruz's Equine Evac response was awesome. The emails from Ken Coale started just as the plume of smoke became visible – team leaders and members started checking in with each other and organizing a response hours before we were officially activated. We opened the Showgrounds by mid-afternoon, and geared up to go.

Late Monday night, after about 20 horses had been taken out and after the staging area had been closed down, two of our members – Mary Sullivan-White and Claire Francis – were driving away when they were alerted to another fire, this one near the end of Lockhart Gulch. We started making calls to our friends in the area – Julie Suhr, Barbara White, Jerry Dowdy, and Pat & Bob Verhuel. Everybody was ready to go, and some did, by the time Mary and Claire arrived. Thank you, thank you, Equine Evac – Susan and Ken Coale, Lyn Hood and all the others. We are so fortunate that we are friends and community.

CalFire and Santa Cruz County's Animal Services folks were on it and saved many animals, including horses - just feet from the flames. There have been some videos posted on social media that provide a unique glimpse of the heroics. Thank you, thank you.

And more heroes. Many of our members tromped through poison oak and coyote brush in search of Buddy, the Clydesdale, who was missing for 4 days last month near the Summit. I know – how do you lose a Clydesdale, right? Ray Zachau & Nicole Erickson found Buddy, chest deep in manzanita, reluctant to move, but very hungry. They plied him with food, cut a path thru the manzanita, and brought the boy home.

The performers --- equine and human – in Cavalia's *Odysseo* are all my heroes, too. I saw the opening night performance in San Jose, the best performance of any kind that I have ever seen in my life. Honestly.

My mouth never closed. The music. The choreography. The staging. The scenery. The costumes. The dancing. And, the horses, the horses, the horses. You can't ask for anything more in life.

And more... Camp Cut Loose. Again, good energy, great horses, good food and awesome campers. We just had a really good time. Special thanks to Deborah Herting, who was the head Camp Counselor, and Steve Shupe, our camp photographer and Kim Baker, who had horses and their people alike slobbering with her massages. And my sweet hubby, Howard, who was the only man on the dance floor trying to keep up with the line dancing.

Thank you, thank you. ~Robin

Next Membership Meeting

Tuesday Evening
October 18
 6:30 ~ Clubhouse

Fire's Experience

As we go to press, several of our members have been contacted to describe their experiences rescuing horses from the Loma Fire at our upcoming meeting.

There is always more to learn with each experience.

Join us to find out what went on during the rescues and what tips may be of help when you are in the midst of an evacuation.



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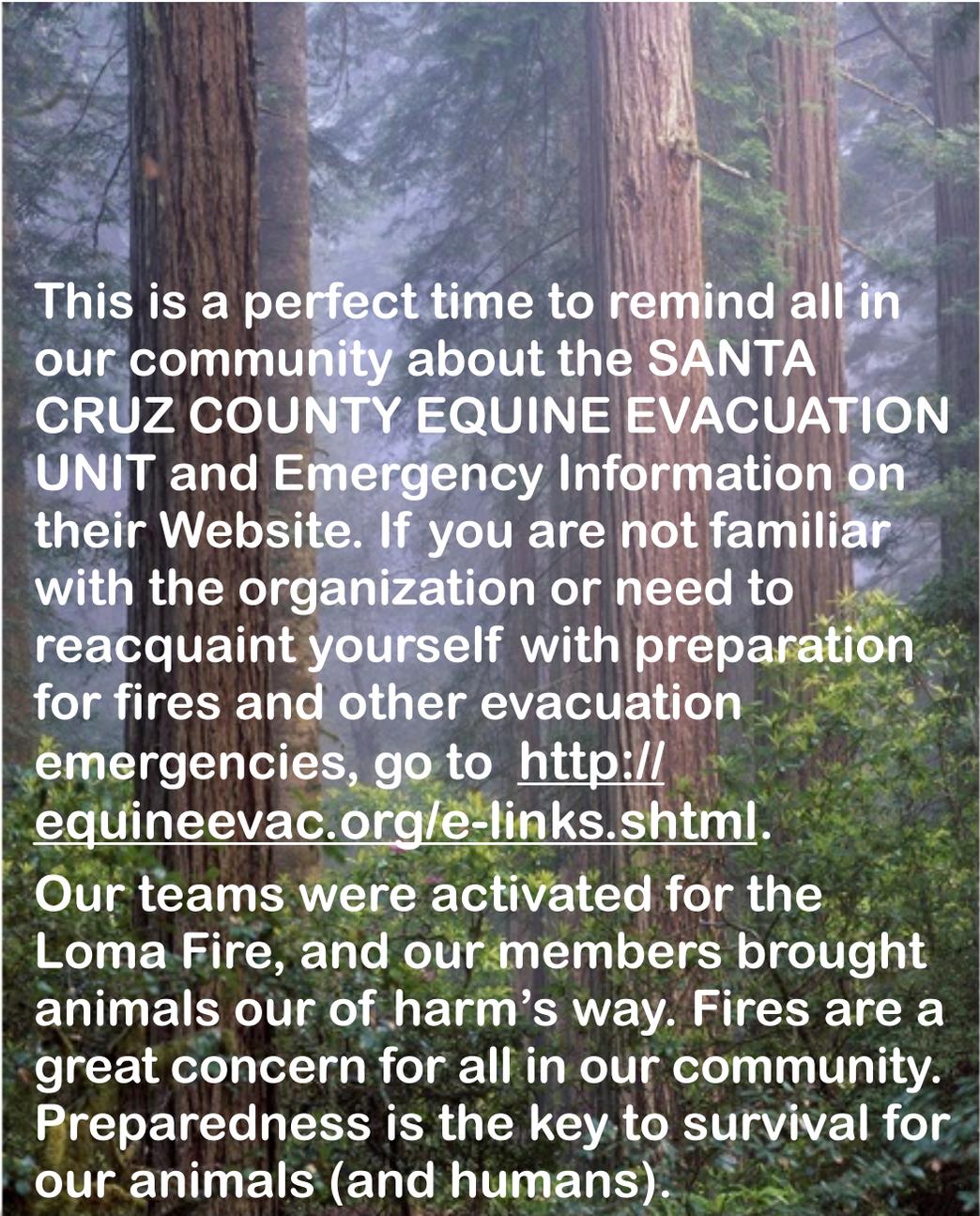
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This is a perfect time to remind all in our community about the **SANTA CRUZ COUNTY EQUINE EVACUATION UNIT** and Emergency Information on their Website. If you are not familiar with the organization or need to reacquaint yourself with preparation for fires and other evacuation emergencies, go to <http://equineevac.org/e-links.shtml>.

Our teams were activated for the Loma Fire, and our members brought animals out of harm's way. Fires are a great concern for all in our community. Preparedness is the key to survival for our animals (and humans).

TO ALL MEMBERS: NOTICE REGARDING TRAINERS

SCCHA's Insurance Company and Santa Cruz County Parks requires any trainer who trains at Graham Hill Showgrounds to carry equine liability insurance. Members may only work with trainers at the showgrounds if they have this required insurance. A trainer is: Anyone who accepts monetary or other compensation (includes trading items or services) for giving instruction to riders & handlers.

SCCHA MAKES NO ENDORSEMENTS of any trainer, even those with the required Certificate of Liability Insurance. Trainers must follow the same rules set forth for all members and have no additional privileges. Members with trainer questions may contact any board member. Members are welcome to contact Mary Sullivan-White (see back page) to find out if a trainer has recently filed their Certificate of Liability Insurance, and exactly what is required to satisfy insurance obligations.

Trainers who meet requirements & their insurance exp. date:

- Rebekah Crill 7/17
- Kelly Eynon 10/16
- Dori Fontaine 8/17
- Patty Kiersted 12/17
- Wendy Killingsworth 7/17
- Kristin Praly 8/17
- Bonnie Stoehn 6/17

About our new SCCHA Website

SCCHA.WILDAPRICOT.ORG

We officially rolled out our new website address (URL) — <https://sccha.wildapricot.org> on September 1st. Our old website is no longer being updated and will soon fade away, so please make sure you have found & bookmarked our new site!

View SCCHA's new website on your phone, tablet or computer. Access secure member-only content by clicking on "LOGIN" at the top of the page, then enter your e-mail account and password. Contact Heather at 408-348-9512/shrkshupe@sbcglobal.net for support if needed.

Members can register for events, and join or renew SCCHA membership directly through our site. If you haven't yet tried it out, give sccha.wildapricot.org a whirl.

Well Deserved Thanks to Our Volunteers

A huge "thank you" to the following members who gave up a Saturday to help clean up the showgrounds and do some minor repairs. I had a lot of compliments on how nice everything looked. All of you worked so hard... Thank you, thank you, thank you! Those on hand for our workday were: **Donna Rodoni, Hans Leuthold, Joan Wildman, Elise Levinson, Trish Dalton, Steve Shupe, David & Sarah Shaver, Mary White, Howard Liebenberg & Robin Musitelli, James & Carla Bowen,** and last but not least, **Larry Wall** for all his help that day with his machine!! Thanks to all of you for your hard work... the results are awesome!

I also want to thank those that helped plan and set up for Camp Cut Loose 9/16:

Jr Santos, Bonnie Milrod, Leslie Dwyer, Liz Riehl, and Pam Edwards for all your planning, volunteering, and hard work put into making our first Camp Cut loose a great success. We appreciate all of you taking the time to help!!! A special thanks to **Deborah Herting** for taking on this event and making it happen!!! Thank you to our board members **Bonnie Stoehn, Heather Shupe, Debbie Bosco, Kristi Locatelli,** Our President **Robin Musitelli,** and our caretaker **Trish Dalton** for your time and efforts put into this event. Hope we do this again next year!

Thank you all very much!!!

Patsy Johnston, Volunteer Coordinator

Thanks from a Community Member

Our members may remember that SCCHA had donated \$3,200 to local charity Lichen Oaks Adaptive Riding Center (LORAC) out of proceeds that were generated from a club sponsored 2-day obstacle competition at Graham Hill Showgrounds back in June.

The following note of thanks came from the LOARC (lichenoaksarc.org) Executive Director, Jean Kvamme:

"Your donation has been most welcome and used appropriately & meaningfully. One woman (sponsored by SCCHA) was hugging the horse she'd ridden with tears running down her cheeks, saying how much being at LOARC has been a help to her."

Camp Cut Loose!

“ I was very impressed with all of the riders and horses who did the obstacle course. Many (most?) had never before picked up a lariat, but they were game and did great! Big shout out to my assistants who made it all possible. ” ~ Bonnie Stoehn, course-designer & judge



Hold on Laura!
I'll get us free of
this WONKY
thing!



*The Showgrounds was
awash of horses, friends,
games, yummy meals
and good spirits
on Sept 16-18 during
our 1st annual
Camp Cut Loose*



“ A HUGE shout out, THANK YOU!! to Deborah Herting and her entire crew for organizing such a wonderful Camp Cut Loose. Fun games, great food, wonderful decor, super fun line dancing lessons, magnificent massage, and the list goes on.

You all worked so hard to create such a wonderful weekend. Great group of riders showed up too, by the way. Lots of new friends and reunions with old ones. Thanks so much from Laura Azzaro, Chris Smith, Melanie Soto and Kathy Adams. ”

~ Laura Azzaro & Travis

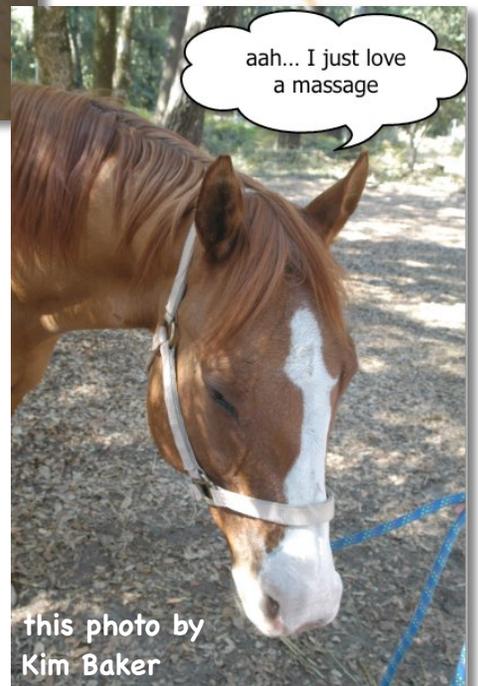


Camp Cut Loose!



Photos by
Steve Shupe
(Heather's husband)

Great job -
Thank you Steve!



this photo by
Kim Baker



Graham Hill Showgrounds Events Calendar

All Showgrounds Events are Scheduled through the Calendar Secretary
Events listed in CAPS are SCCHA sponsored

✓ Check our events calendar online at sccha.wildapricot.org/events for late-breaking updates

1 st & 3 rd Sat. 9am-noon	Pony Club Mounted Meeting - Large Arena Contacts: Betsy Cameron outcakecameron@gmail.com / Nichole Fisher: nm84@aol.com
10/29-30	Santa Clara Horsemen's Association
11/4-6	Krista Koenig Clinic large arena reserved & 15 paddocks reserved. fromstarttofoundation.com
12/4	SCCHA HOLIDAY PARTY

Area Events

10/14-16 Ricky Quinn Clinic El Gabilan Ranch, Salinas This family owned ranch is located just outside of Salinas off Hwy 101. The ranch has plenty of stalls & paddocks available; dry camping available on site. Ride with us or audit for the weekend. Ricky will be traveling with the "Legacy Horse" he started this year and it will be a great opportunity to watch him work with this colt as he progresses. More about the Legacy Horse at www.rickyquinnclinics.com/legacyhorses/ Class offerings include Horsemanship 1 & 2 with Cattle. \$400/class, plus cattle fee for Cattle Working. If you sign up for both classes, cost is \$750. Contact Lisa at bayareahorsemanship@gmail.com / 831-359-3796

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